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(*d*) whether it is a fact that the scarcity of water in the river is due to the water being diverted to Bethamangalam tank, Mysore Government, and if so, whether the Government when permitting the same took into account the consequent loss to the ryots, whose lands were irrigated by the Palar river;

(*e*) whether the Government have since then considered the desirability of connecting the lands under Palar irrigation with Cauvery-Mettur project, and if so, what conclusions they have arrived at on the subject, and if not, whether they have any other scheme under their consideration;

(*f*) what the total amount of remission is that has been granted to the districts of North Arcot and Chingleput, because of the scarcity of water in the Palar river and the Kaveripauk tank, during the last ten years; and

(*g*) whether the Government propose to treat the matter as very important and to investigate schemes for providing irrigation facilities for the Palar river and especially the Kaveripauk tank at an early date?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*d*) The Government have called for a report.

(*c*) The tank gets its supply from the Palar river, but the statement that the river has become dry for the last 23 years is not quite correct. The river has surplussed over the Palar anicut sixty-four times during the twenty years ending with 1925.

(*e*) The answer is in the negative.

(*f*) North Arcot district—

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Palar river	4,80,392
Kaveripauk tank	1,06,902
Chingleput district—	
Palar river	12,840

(*g*) The Government recognize the importance of the matter and it has been receiving their attention for some time past.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"If it is a fact that the Kaveripakkam tank which gets its supply of water from the river Palar surplussed so many times within the last 20 years, how is it that more than 4 lakhs of rupees land revenue have been remitted in the North Arcot district during the last ten years?"

Investigation into derelict tanks in Kurnool district.

* 212 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : With reference to paragraph 3 of G.O. Mis. No. 2463, Revenue, dated 30th November 1927, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the investigation in regard to the list of derelict tanks in the Kurnool district submitted by the Collector of Kurnool has been undertaken; and

(*b*) if so what recommendations have been so far made by the investigating authorities?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have sanctioned the formation of two new Tank Restoration Scheme divisions, one of which will work in the Ceded districts and attend to the derelict tanks in Kurnool district referred to in the question.